Gold deposits in Karnataka

2441. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated quantity of gold deposits at Sandur, Bellary District and Chitra Gurga District of Karnataka State; and

(b) The detailed feasibility of extracting the said gold and the steps taken so far for the exploitation of gold there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) In Chit-radurga district, Karnataka, a resource of 0.6S million tonnes of gold ore with 3.58g/t Au in G.R. Halli South Block and 0.63 million tonnes of gold ore with 3.54g/t Au in C.K. Halli South Block have been estimated. No resource of gold ore has been estimated at Sandur, Bellary district.

(b) The feasibility of exploitation of gold in the area and further action will depend upon its economic viability.

Profit earned by Coalfields

2442. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal produced and sold during the last 3 years (year-wise) with the name of coalfields specially in Chattisgarh;

(b) the profit/loss earned by the different coalfields during the last 3 years (year-wise);

(c) whether it is fact that the quantum of profit is decreasing because of large quantity of good quality coal being burnt in the coalfields; if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the quantity burnt; and

(d) what are the details of efforts made by the coalfields authorities to reduce the cost and the results so far achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The total